

**Minutes of the Annual Mayor Making Ceremony held at the
Town Hall, Rye, on Monday 7 May 2018**

PRESENT Councillors Mike Boyd, John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds, Cheryl Creaser, Bernardine Fiddimore, Rebekah Gilbert, Charlie Harkness, Pat Hughes, Jo Kirkham, Ian Potter, Ray Prewer, Andi Rivett, Shaun Rogers, Andy Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Paul Goring - Town Sergeant; David Paine – Second Mace Bearer; Judy Pettitt - Assistant Town Clerk; Martin Wight – Town Hall Attendant; Jessica Neame – General Assistant; The Reverend Canon David Frost – Chaplain to the Mayor; approximately 60 members of the public - including Distinguished and Invited Guests

Prior to the meeting commencing Prayers were said by the Mayor’s Chaplain.

The meeting commenced at 11.03am.

1 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2018-19

The outgoing Mayor, Cllr Jonathan Breeds thanked his colleagues and a number of individuals (including staff) for their support during his term of office. He advised that, with staff approval, instead of giving members of staff gifts, he would be transferring the balance of his Mayoral Allowance to the Council’s Grants Fund.

Just prior to moving to the first business of the meeting the Mayor presented his Consort, Mr Harry Spearing with flowers.

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Mayor for 2018-19.

Cllr Bernardine Fiddimore proposed, and Cllr John Breeds seconded, Cllr Michael Boyd. There being no other nominations Cllr Michael Boyd was declared elected and the meeting was adjourned for robing.

2 OATH AND DECLARATION

On returning to the Chamber, Cllr Boyd swore the Traditional Mayoral Oath and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3 1951 PENNIES

The previous Mayor passed the 1951 Pennies to the Mayor for safekeeping, who then (for the same purpose) gave them to the Clerk, who explained their historical significance.

4 RECOGNITION

The Mayor presented the previous Mayor with a Past Mayor’s Badge.

5 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reasons as lodged with The Clerk - were accepted from Cllrs Sam Barnes and Justin Erswell.

6 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2018-19

The Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the year 2018-19.

Cllr Bernardine Fiddimore proposed, and Cllr Cheryl Creaser seconded, Cllr Rebekah Gilbert.

There being no other nominations Cllr Rebekah Gilbert was declared elected.

7 OATH AND DECLARATION

Cllr Gilbert swore the Traditional Oath and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

8 TOWN CLERK’S OATH

Mr Richard Farhall swore the traditional Town Clerk’s Oath.

9 APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR’S SERGEANT AND MACE BEARER

The Mayor re-appointed Mr Paul Goring to the Office of Mayor’s Sergeant and Mace Bearer.

10 APPOINTMENT OF SECOND MACE BEARER

The Mayor re-appointed Mr David Paine as Second Mace Bearer.

11 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR’S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor re-appointed the Reverend Canon David Frost as Chaplain to the Mayor.

12 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR’S CADETS

The Mayor Ordinary Cadet Evalyn Anstiss and Marine Cadet Second Class Jack White and presented them each with a Mayor’s Cadet Badge.

13 MAYOR’S ADDRESS

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and looked forward to the Council continuing to be pro-active - and to receiving the ongoing support of his colleagues.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 11.28am.

Date Chairman

Members of the public and the Distinguished and Invited Guests joined the Mayor and Council in a short service in the Parish Church. After the Service the Guests returned to the Town Hall for a glass of wine and to throw hot pennies to a group of young people below, accompanied by the members of the Cinque Ports Volunteers.

Following Toasts to Her Majesty the Queen, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and the Antient Town of Rye, the Maces lead those attending the Mayoral Luncheon to the Mermaid Inn.

The Distinguished Guests attending the meeting were: Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex, The Marquess of Abergavenny; Christopher Nevill; The High Sheriff of East Sussex, Major-General John Moore-Bick; The Chairman of Rother District Council, Cllr Mary Barnes; The Chairman of East Sussex County Council, Cllr Michael Ensor; The Speaker of the Cinque Ports and Right Worshipful the Mayor of Sandwich, Cllr Paul Graeme; The Right Worshipful the Deputy Mayor of Hastings, Cllr Nigel Sinden; The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Winchelsea, Jurat John Rodley; The Worshipful Mayor of Lydd, Cllr Bob Jones; Rother District Councillor for Rye, Lord David Amptill; the East Sussex County Councillor for Rye, Keith Glazier.